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Judaism Writing

Judaism began around 2000 B.C. when Abraham made a divine covenant with God. The Jewish found multiple texts very important to their religion; the Talmud, Tanakh, Torah and various others. They believe there’s only one God, and that he’s external and corporeal. They believe that prayer should only be directed to God and nobody else. They truly believe in the word of the prophets and deem Moses as the greatest of the prophecies. They say there’s only one Torah and it was given to Moses and believes God knows the thoughts and deeds of men, in addition to rewarding the good while punishing the bad.

War

The religion of Judaism believes that war should be justified, and before even declaring war there must have been some kind of attempt to try and make peace, to avoid a conflict. Jewish law states that only combatants can be killed in war but innocent civilians have the right to leave the area of war before the battle even begins. Jews see peace as something that is delivered from God and believe it won’t be fully realized until there’s justice and harmony is established between all individual communities. In the Talmud it states that a person is allowed to harm/kill somebody but in self-defense. The Rabbis believed in three types of wars; obligatory, defensive, and optional wars.

Capital Punishment

When the Jewish law operated as a secular and religious jurisdiction, the Jewish courts rarely imposed the death penalty. In Israel it was almost impossible to punish somebody by death. The rabbis who wrote the Talmud created numerous barriers to be able to apply the death penalty. Israel abolished the death penalty, in 1954, for anyone who is tried there, except for the people who committed Nazi war crimes. The only person that’s been executed in the 54 years that Israel has existed was Adolf Eichman, a Nazi war criminal that had been implicated with partial responsibility of the Holocaust.